

**Honorable City Planning Commission
Cincinnati, Ohio**

February 3, 2006

SUBJECT: An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into a license wherein the City is leasing from the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Cincinnati part of the Gamble Junior High school property for expansion of Ryan Park.

City Council at its session on January 19, 2006, referred to the City Planning Commission for review and report, the subject ordinance.

PURPOSE

To enter and execute a license agreement with the Board of Education of the City School District lease of Gamble Junior High property for expansion of Ryan Park in Westwood.

BACKGROUND

The City wants to lease from the Board of Education part of Gamble Junior High School located adjacent to Ryan Park that is managed by the Cincinnati Recreation Commission. See attached Site Plan.

The City School Board (CPS) has agreed to allow Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC) to expand five (5) new tennis courts onto the Gamble High School property in exchange for priority use by CPS of certain Ryan Park's facilities. The Cincinnati Public Schools will enjoy priority use of adjacent athletic fields operated by the City for practices and games for CPS football and soccer programs. The CRC recommends approval of the ordinance to enter into a lease with the Board of education. The Administration recommends adoption of the ordinance.

The lease is for an initial term of fifteen (15) years, with three (3) additional terms of five (5) years each. Rent for the initial and subsequent terms is at one dollar (\$1.00) per year.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff of the Department of Community Development and Planning recommends that the City Planning Commission take the following action:

Authorize the City Manager to enter into a license wherein the City is leasing from the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Cincinnati part of the Gamble Junior High school property for expansion of Ryan Park.

APPROVED:

Respectfully submitted,

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